

# 2012 Parks Budget Community Conversations

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***Tuesday, May 3, 2011, Meadowbrook Community Center***

## **Question #4: What does a successful parks system look like to you?**

- A safe and well-maintained area for kids of all ages and for the whole population
- Special event availability
- An investment in our future
- Multi-faceted, with no one piece dominating:
  - Nature
  - Neighborhood recreation
  - Community Centers
  - Specialty parks
- Serving the community's needs and making things available that aren't affordable (ie waterfront access)
- Lease limitations
- Supportive of the surrounding community
- Options for recreation and room "to breathe"
- Responsive to the public
- Limited/careful commercialization – don't share the future benefits
- Supporting all activities: sports, recreation, wildlife
- Many things to many people: It's hard to have it work as a system because there are too many customer and interests
- For all ages
- There is a need to utilize volunteers more.
- The number one priority should be green spaces—they need to be earmarked for continued protection and maintenance
- Pools and community centers are important
- Predictability and stable funding
- Lower the standards—synthetic fields are too fancy
- Fully funded!
- No ivy!
- Responsive to the administration to the city residents (staff were not knowledgeable of costs or services)
- Supportive of non-profits
- Equitable
- Year-round access to open spaces
- Public services in public interest
- Great cities = great parks
- Centers and services that fit the users/communities
- Quality
- It's necessary to have predictable funding
- Good maintenance—maybe its necessary to have a maintenance levy?
- No commercialization or elite services—or McDonald's

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- Serving community: parks and fitness
- Using volunteers, recognize volunteer groups
- Community Centers that meets the needs of the neighbors
- Seattle is doing a great job!
- Levies for maintenance, keep services.